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In re Application of:	)	Examiner: Unassigned	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
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Application No.: 09/838,277	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned	
Filed: April 20, 2001	)		·
For: OPTICAL FREE-SPACE COMMUNICATION APPAR.	) ATUS :	July 24, 2001	

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

# <u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

 APPLICATION NO.
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 09/175,969
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A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

### FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
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